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SUBJECT: STRAUSS LANDTAG CANDIDACY

1. GEROLD TANDLER, SECRETARY GENERAL CSU, TOLD CONSOFF
DECEMBER 11 FRANZ JOSEF STRAUSS WOULD INDEED BE CANDIDATE
FOR BAVARIAN LANDTAG AND WOULD HEAD PARTY LIST. TANDLER
SAID HANS JOCHEN VOGEL, BAVARIAN SPD CHAIRMAN WOULD HEAD HIS
PARTY'S LIST AND NO REASON STRAUSS SHOULDN'T DO SAME.

2. TANDLER SAID MOVE WAS NOT INTENDED AS PROSPECTIVE CHALLENGE
TO MINISTER PRESIDENT GOPPEL AND THAT STRAUSS WOULD NOT ACTUALLY
TAKE OVER LANDTAG SEAT, BUT WOULD REMAIN IN BUNDESTAG. MOVE
WAS INTENDED TO STRENGTHEN CSU IN ELECTION AND GIVE STRAUSS
VOTE OF CONFIDENCE AS PARTY'S STANDARD BEARER. TANDLER
CRITICIZED PRESS FOR SPECULATIONS DISTORTING SITUATION SUR-
ROUNDING STRAUSS CANDIDACY AND RELATIONSHIP WITH GOPPEL.

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3. COMMENT: REGARDLESS OF FACADE OF PARTY BENEFITS TANDLER
ATTEMPTED TO ASCRIBE TO PROSPECTIVE CANDIDACY, MOVE BOUND TO

CREATE UNEASINESS IN CSU LOCALLY AND BE EXPLOITED BY SPD.
CANDIDACY MAY BE MORE A RESULT OF RECENT LOCAL POLITICAL
POLL WHICH GREATLY ANGERED STRAUSS. MINISTERIAL DIRECTOR
RAINER KESSLER OF STATE CHANCELLERY TOLD USFLO THAT PRESS
CHIEF RAIMUND EBERLE AND PROTOCOL CHIEF JOSEF HUBER, WITHOUT
TELLING GOPPEL OR KESSLER, CONTRACTED FOR A POLITICAL POLL
WHICH INCLUDED STRAUSS, GOPPEL AND SEVERAL OTHER FIGURES. GOPPEL
CAME OUT AHEAD. HOWEVER KESSLER FELT FIRM CONDUCTING POLL
TENDEED BE ANTI-STRAUSS FROM OUTSET. VALDES

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